

City of Gaithersburg Press Release

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Gaithersburg Winter Lights Festival Benefits Local Nonprofit Organizations

Gaithersburg, MD (November 19, 2019) The City of Gaithersburg Winter Lights Festival welcomes visitors for its 24th spectacular season. The wondrous display of lights at Seneca Creek State Park will be open nightly November 29 through December 31, Sunday through Thursday from 6 to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 6 to 10 p.m. Please note that the Festival will be closed on December 25. The park is located at 11950 Clopper Road, just a few miles west of the intersection with I-270. Advance online admission is \$12 per car Monday through Thursday and \$17 per car Friday through Sunday. Admission at the gate is \$15 per car Monday through Thursday and \$20 per car Friday through Sunday. Purchase tickets online.

In the spirit of the holidays, a portion of the proceeds from the 2019 Festival will benefit local nonprofit organizations including Casey Cares Foundation, College Tracks and Equipment Connections for Children.

The 3.5-mile drive through the enchanted woodland setting of Seneca Creek State Park takes you past more than 450 illuminated displays and beautifully lit park trees that brighten the night. Festival favorites include a Fairytale scene, Winter Woods, Teddy Bear Land, Toyland, Victorian Village, and Mermaid Lagoon.

Walk the lights! Come out for a one-night-only magical walk, with or without your pooch, at **Leashes 'n' Lights** on Tuesday, November 26 from 6 to 9 p.m. Purchase tickets <u>online</u>. Please note that **S'more Lights** on Friday, November 22, and **Wine Under the Lights** on Sunday, November 24, are sold out. Visit the Festival <u>webpage</u> for complete details.

Winter Lights is sponsored in part by 97.1 WASH-FM and Rio.

For complete details and admission rates for large vehicles please visit www.gaithersburgmd.gov.

Explore all of Gaithersburg's seasonal festivities <u>online</u>. From visits with Santa at the train station or in the pool, to a traditional tree lighting, to theatrical performances and festive workshops, there's plenty of holiday fun for all ages.